Naxal violence

†1562. SHRI RAM JETHMALANI:
SHRI RAJ MOHINDER SINGH MAJITHA:

Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that Naxalite violence has been considered to be the highest threat to the internal security of the country;

(b) if so, the facts in this regard;

(c) whether it is a fact that the naxalites have killed maximum number of security personnel during 2005 and during past months of 2006; and

(d) if so, the facts thereof and the estimated number of the persons active in this organization in the country?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HOME AFFAIRS (SHRI SHRIPRAKASH JAISWAL): (a) and (b) Naxalite menace remains an area of serious concern to internal security in the country.

(c) As per available information, in naxal violence, 153 policemen were killed in 2005 and the number of such casualities is reported to be 133 till 30.11.2006.

(d) The naxal movement has several groups/outfits through CPI (Maoist) is the main organization having a significant number of hard core cadres across the naxal affected States.

Arms acquisition by ULFA during ceasefire

†1563. SHRI RAJ JETHMALANI:
DR. MURLI MANOHAR JOSHI:

Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that a ceasefire was announced by adopting a soft approach towards ULFA, engaged in violent activities in North Eastern States;

(b) if so, the duration of the ceasefire;

†Original notice of the question was received in Hindi.